

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/657,355

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/17/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5,7,8,17,25 and 26.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 07 September 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |


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DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt of the Amendment filed December 17, 2004 amending claims 1 and 7, adding claims 25 and 26, and canceling claims 6, 9-16 and 18-27 is acknowledged. Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 17 25 and 26 remain pending in the application and are presented to be examined based on their merits.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 17 25 and 26 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record Ginter (US 5,892,900), Saxon (US 5,758,359), Ijichi et al (US 5,932,859) and Tran et al (US 5,440,108). Ginter discloses an electronic management system which manages an electronic wallet device holding monetary data and having a backup data management means for receiving the backup data from said backup data sending means and saving the received backup data into a backup database, but fails to disclose a backup condition testing means for testing predefined backup conditions to determine whether to make a backup. Saxon discloses a backup condition testing means for testing predefined backup conditions to determine whether to make a backup. Ijichi discloses receiving means for receiving a re-issuance application for an electronic wallet device, but fails to disclose issuing a new electronic wallet. Tran discloses issuing electronic wallets. The aforementioned prior art fails to show, individually or in combination receiving means for receiving an accident report concerning an electronic wallet device; and temporary electronic wallet issuing means, responsive to the accident report received by the

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receiving means for calculating elapsed time between the last backup operation and the reception of the accident report and issuing an temporary electronic wallet device with a limited valid period and a credit limit that is determined according to the elapsed time. This claim language is found in the aforementioned claims and supported by pages of applicants specification

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel S Felten whose telephone number is (703) 305-0724. The examiner can normally be reached on Flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (703) 308-1065. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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